



Presents

Spark! Places of Innovation

A

Smithsonian Institution Exhibit

September 9, 2023

Introductions:

Matt Meecham – Illinois Humanities
Richard Runyon – Chatsworth Mayor
David Slagel – Fairbury Mayor
Dale Maley – Local Historian

Program:

Dale Maley:
A brief history of how we got here

Entertainment:

Orpheus Mandolin Orchestra,
Bloomington, IL

Please enjoy our two companion exhibits provided by Chatsworth Library and Fairbury Echoes Museum.

Enjoy reading about the different areas throughout rural America, how the citizens of their individual towns have come together to create improvements in their communities. Be sure to view the videos provided and when you've completed your tour, sit down to play the games you'll find on the back tables. There is a card game and a word search game to be enjoyed by all.

Following your visit with us, your welcome to venture on down one block west to Chatsworth Blue Bird Room then you go on across the street to the old school house to get a feel for how our ancestors studied together from 1st grade all through high school. Eventually, it was 1st grade through 8th grade until the last country school in this area closed in the late 1940's/early 1950's.

End your visit with a trip to our Shoppe next door. There are all kinds of items, mostly created by local artists.

A Special Thank You

TO:

Our sponsors without whom we would not have been able to have this great center.

TO:

Our volunteers without whom we would not be able to continue our programs. We have a variety of programs we are able to provide for a diverse group of clients. Please feel free to ask me about holding one of your events here. We love to be able to serve your needs.

TO:

YOU for attending our very exciting event. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.